



RESOLUTION NO. 41105

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BUSHNELL AND RUMBAUGH

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$35,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the restoration of the
5 street clock on Broadway in Downtown Tacoma.

6 WHEREAS the street clock ("Clock") currently located in front of LeRoy
7 Jewelers, was brought to the City by Abraham Rose in 1920, and

8 WHEREAS Mr. Rose installed the Clock in front of his jewelry store located
9 at South 14th Street and Pacific Avenue, where it remained for about 50 years, until
10 it was damaged by a delivery truck in the late 1960s or early 1970s, taken down,
11 and stored in a City warehouse for over a decade, and

12 WHEREAS, in 1985, LeRoy Jewelers, who knew the Rose family and were
13 familiar with the Clock, decided to make a statement by bringing the Clock back to
14 life, and

15 WHEREAS LeRoy Jewelers paid over \$10,000 for the reconstruction of the
16 Clock, and Simon Rose agreed to gift the Clock to the City under the condition the
17 City would maintain it, and

18 WHEREAS in 1987 the repairs to the Clock were finished, and during a
19 community dedication and celebration, it was placed in its present location on
20 Broadway between South 9th Street and South 11th Street, and

21 WHEREAS earlier this year, after 35 years of constant use and wear, the
22 Clock was intentionally stopped due to the gears needing to be repaired, as well as

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1 other structural and cosmetic issues which need to be addressed to fully restore the
2 Clock, and

3 WHEREAS to allow the Clock to continue running in its current condition
4 would invite a catastrophic failure which would destroy the clockworks entirely, and

5 WHEREAS the City researched repairing the Clock, and in May 2022, the
6 City received a recommendation and estimate of cost to include repairs to the case
7 and motion, movement general, gear train, escapement mechanism, winding
8 mechanism, cosmetic improvements, and final regulation and adjustments, and

9 WHEREAS a cost estimate of \$17,160, which only addresses four of the
10 eight areas of work, does not account for unforeseen faults or challenges,
11 materials, or any applicable taxes or fees, and a full estimation of work is not
12 possible until the internal workings of the Clock are examined, and

13 WHEREAS, additionally, funds to repair and paint the external Clock
14 structure also fall outside this initial cost estimation, and City staff also identified the
15 need for funds to safely relocate the Clock for the restoration work, and
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17 WHEREAS, at the December 13, 2022, Study Session, Council
18 Member Rumbaugh shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-
19 time use of \$35,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the restoration of the
20 street clock on Broadway in Downtown Tacoma, and
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22 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
23 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, as well as a financial report
24 provided to the City which shows the source(s) of the funding prior to receiving the
25 \$35,000 contribution, and
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WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$35,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the restoration of the street clock on Broadway in Downtown Tacoma.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney